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VENOM INC. PART 5

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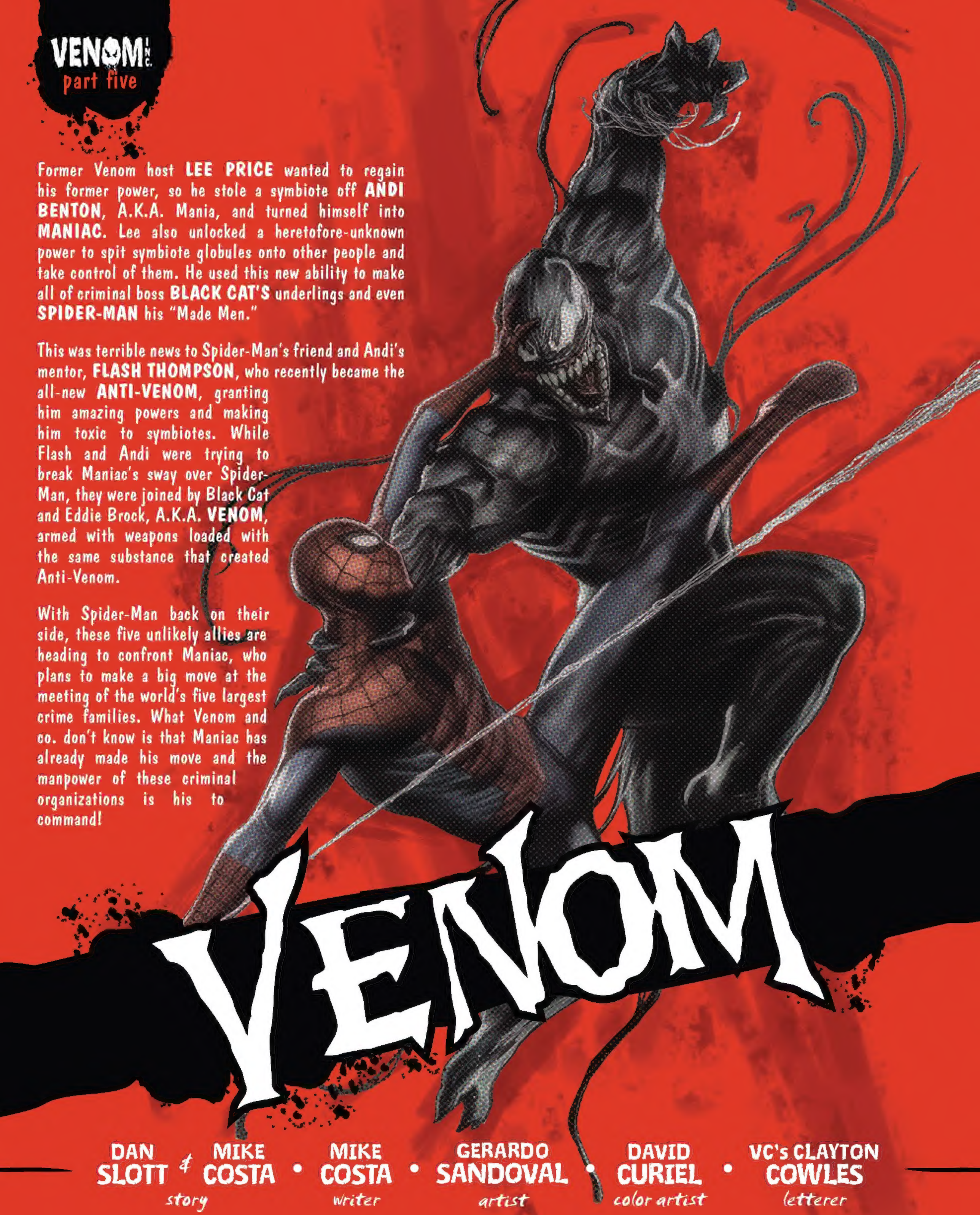
Former Venom host **LEE PRICE** wanted to regain his former power, so he stole a symbiote off **ANDI BENTON**, A.K.A. Mania, and turned himself into **MANIAC**. Lee also unlocked a heretofore-unknown power to spit symbiote globules onto other people and take control of them. He used this new ability to make all of criminal boss **BLACK CAT'S** underlings and even **SPIDER-MAN** his "Made Men."

This was terrible news to Spider-Man's friend and Andi's mentor, **FLASH THOMPSON**, who recently became the all-new **ANTI-VENOM**, granting him amazing powers and making him toxic to symbiotes. While Flash and Andi were trying to break Maniac's sway over Spider-Man, they were joined by Black Cat and Eddie Brock, A.K.A. **VENOM**, armed with weapons loaded with the same substance that created Anti-Venom.

With Spider-Man back on their side, these five unlikely allies are heading to confront Maniac, who plans to make a big move at the meeting of the world's five largest crime families. What Venom and co. don't know is that Maniac has already made his move and the manpower of these criminal organizations is his to command!



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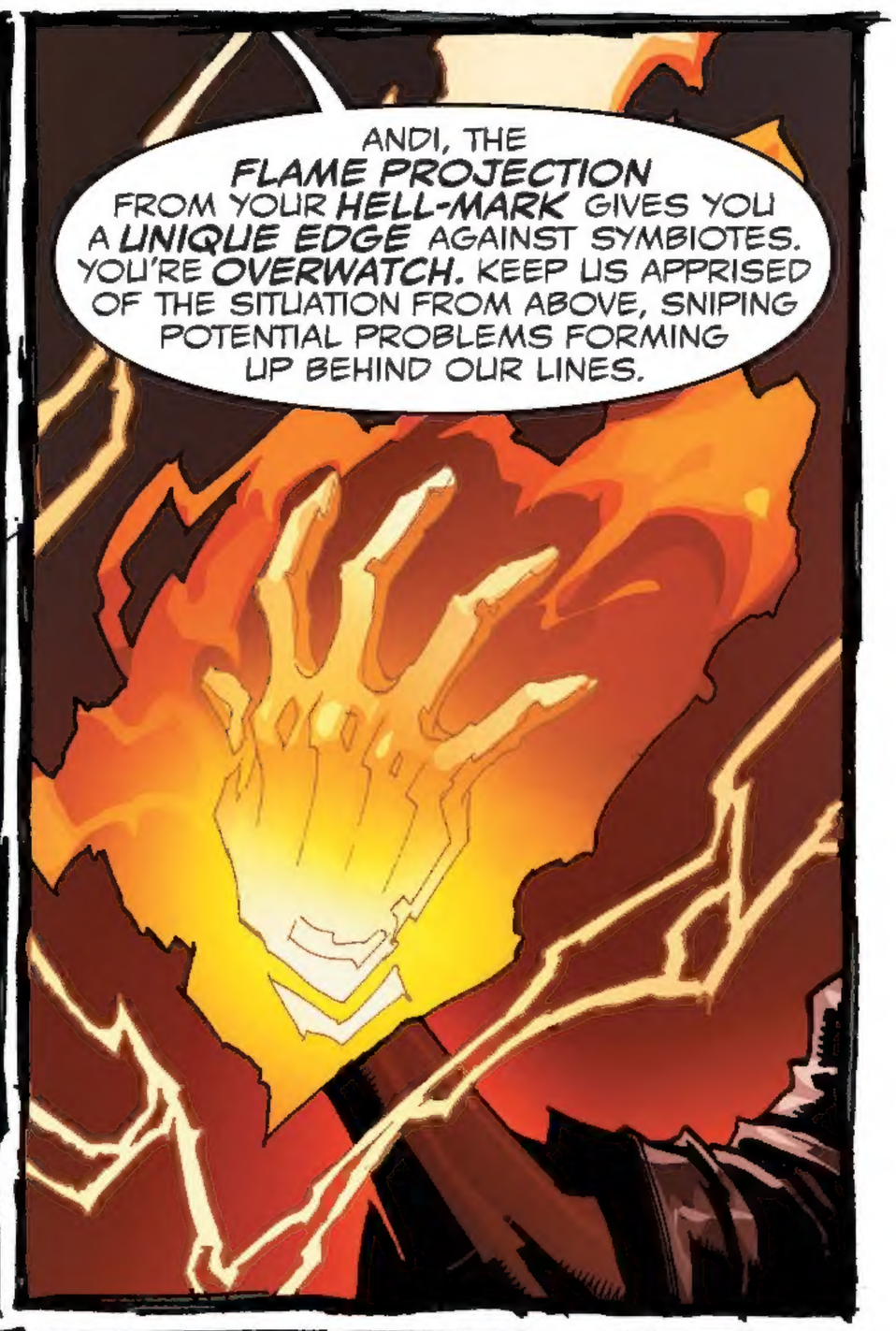
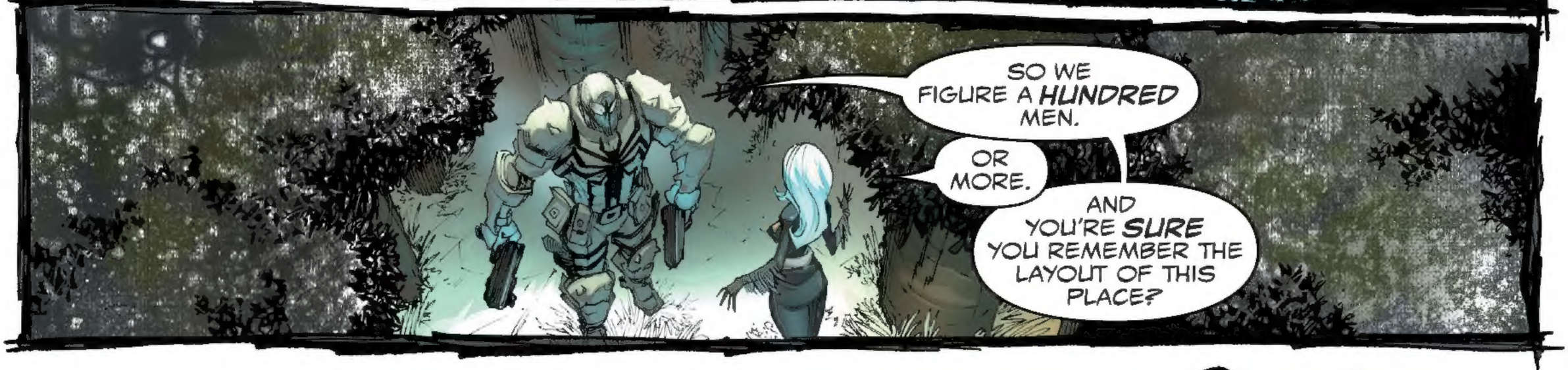
BROCK, YOU'RE OUR HEAVY ARTILLERY. JUST POINT YOURSELF AT THE BIGGEST TARGETS AND PUT THEM DOWN.
AS MANY AS POSSIBLE AS FAST AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE A LIMITED SUPPLY OF THE ROUNDS WE MADE FROM MY ANTI-VENOM.

CAT, YOU TAKE ON THE ONES THAT SLIP THROUGH.


ANDI, THE FLAME PROJECTION FROM YOUR HELL-MARK GIVES YOU A UNIQUE EDGE AGAINST SYMBIOTES. YOU'RE OVERWATCH. KEEP US APPRISED OF THE SITUATION FROM ABOVE, SNIPING POTENTIAL PROBLEMS FORMING UP BEHIND OUR LINES.

CAT, HOW MANY OTHERS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ATTENDING THIS LITTLE SUMMIT YOU WERE INVITED TO?
REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FIVE FAMILIES, PLUS THEIR ARMED RETINUES.


SO WE FIGURE A HUNDRED MEN.
OR MORE.
AND YOU'RE SURE YOU REMEMBER THE LAYOUT OF THIS PLACE?

WELL, FLASH BABY, I ONLY SAW THE SCHEMATICS FOR A MINUTE OR SO...

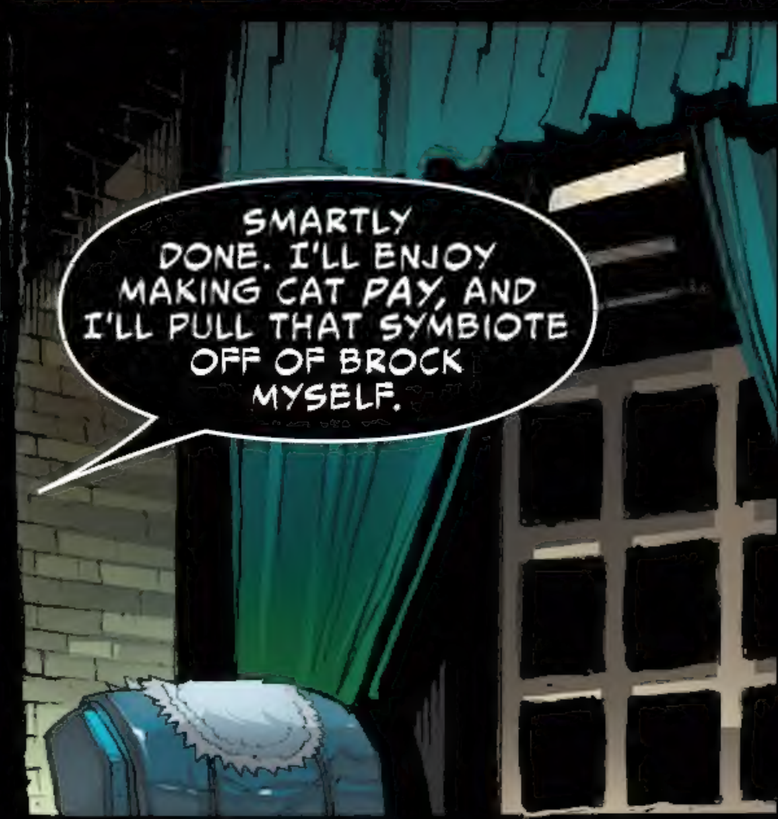
...BUT I'M FEELING LUCKY.

MEANWHILE...
I GOTTA SAY...
...IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE SO MANY NEW FACES ON THE TEAM.
NOW I'M SURE YOU'VE BEEN EXPECTING THIS, BUT THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME RESTRUCTURING IN YOUR ORGANIZATIONS.
EVERYTHING YOU HAVE...IS MINE.
YOU'LL MOBILIZE THE RAGTAG GOONS AND HOODLUMS YOU HAVE UNDER YOUR COMMAND, AND THEY'LL FALL IN LINE...
...OR THEY'LL DIE.
THEY'RE MY ARMY NOW.
AND HERE COMES ONE OF OUR BEST SOLDIERS.

I EXPECTED YOU TO BE DRAGGING A CARCASS WITH YOU, SPIDER-MAN.
WHERE'S MY DEAD CAT?

I HAD HER, BUT BROCK GOT THE DROP ON ME.

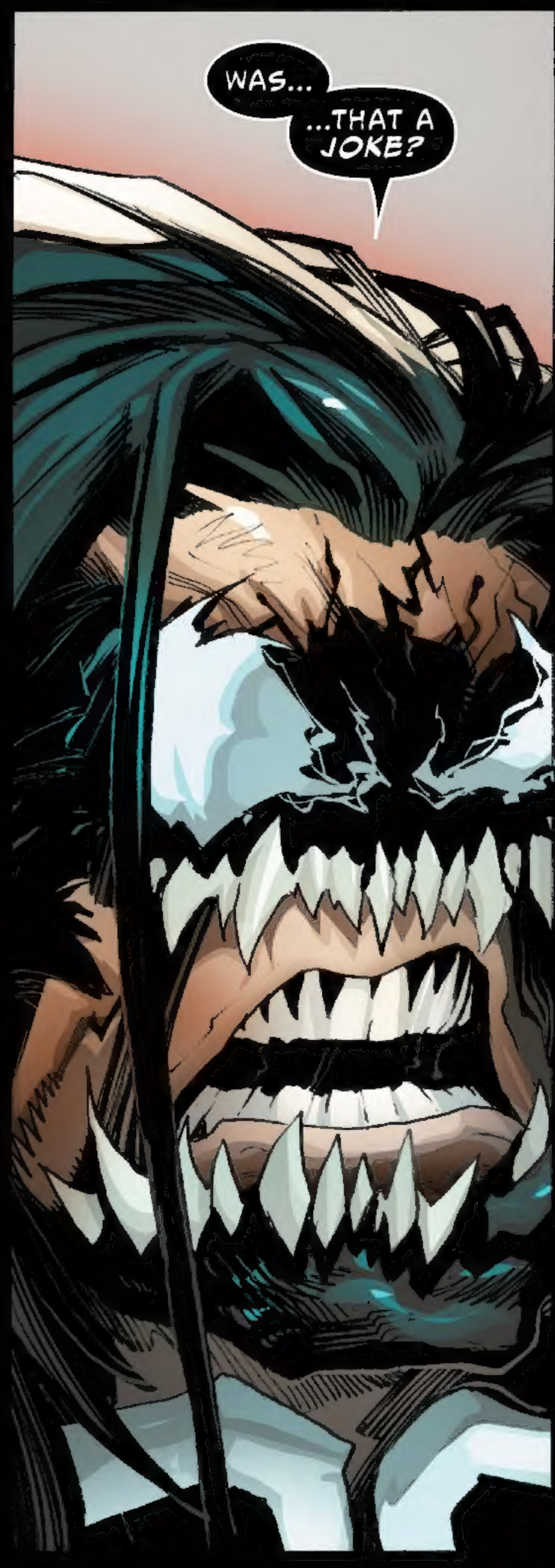
I WAS FORCED TO RETREAT, BUT I MADE SURE THEY COULD FOLLOW ME. I FIGURED YOU'D LIKE TO TAKE CARE OF THEM YOURSELF.
THEY THINK THEY HAVE THE DROP ON US.


SMARTLY DONE. I'LL ENJOY MAKING CAT PAY, AND I'LL PULL THAT SYMBIOTE OFF OF BROCK MYSELF.

GO SET A GREETING PARTY FOR HIM, BOYS.

YOU STAY HERE, SPIDER-MAN. IF EITHER OF THOSE "HEROES" GET THROUGH, WE'LL SEE IF THEY HAVE THE STOMACH TO KILL YOU TO GET TO ME.

YEAH, COOL PLAN. USING ME AS A HUMAN SHIELD AGAINST VENOM.
BUY YOURSELF A PRECIOUS POINT-FIVE SECONDS.


WAS...
...THAT A JOKE?

OH. DO YOU NOT WISH ME TO JOKE, UH, SIRE?
DO I CALL YOU "SIRE"?

HE'S BROKEN FREE OF MY INFLUENCE.
KILL HIM!
AW, MAN. ALL THAT WORK AND GLUE FOR NOTHING!
THWIP
ME AND MY BIG MOUTH.
SSSSS
BURNS!
SOMETHING ON HIS WEBS!
BREAK HIS ARMS SO HE CAN'T USE THOSE WEBS!
AND REGROUP WITH THE MEN PULLING BACK FROM THE EAST WING.
IF HE'S WORKING WITH THEM, THEY'RE PLANNING SOME KIND OF TRAP.

GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, PRICE.
THOUGHT I'D DROP IN WITH SOME FRIENDS.
DAMN, IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK!

BRCKA BRCKA
ALIGH!
OOF!
PRICE. THIS ENDS NOW.
REMEMBER, PEOPLE--
--PUT THE WHITE STUFF ON THE BLACK STUFF.
OH, I DON'T THINK SO.

BROCK DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH BULLETS.
HEY! HAMMERHEAD!
YOU FEELIN' LIKE YOURSELF AGAIN, PAL?
BECAUSE WE REALLY COULD USE ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET.

YOU...
...YOU PUT ME IN JAIL, LIKE, A DOZEN TIMES.
I MEAN... SURE.
BUT, HEY, YOU KEEP GETTING OUT, RIGHT?
WHY IS MY SPIDER-SENSE--
OH, COME ON!
HHHSSSSSSSS

YAAAA!
BLACK CAT IS A VERY IMPRESSIVE LADY, EDDIE.
SHE IS, BUT LET'S NOT GET ANY IDEAS.
SHE PROBABLY HASN'T FORGOTTEN HOW WE NEARLY BEAT HER TO DEATH THE FIRST TIME WE MET. AH, WELL.
PRICE HAS TURNED HIS SYMBIOTE INTO SOME KIND OF DISEASE.
NYARGH!
LUCKILY, WE HAVE THE CURE RIGHT HERE.
BRCKA BRCKA BRCKA
NYARGH!
ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR.
ARRRGH!
OOOOOH. WHAT...WHAT HAPPENED?
UNNGGG...

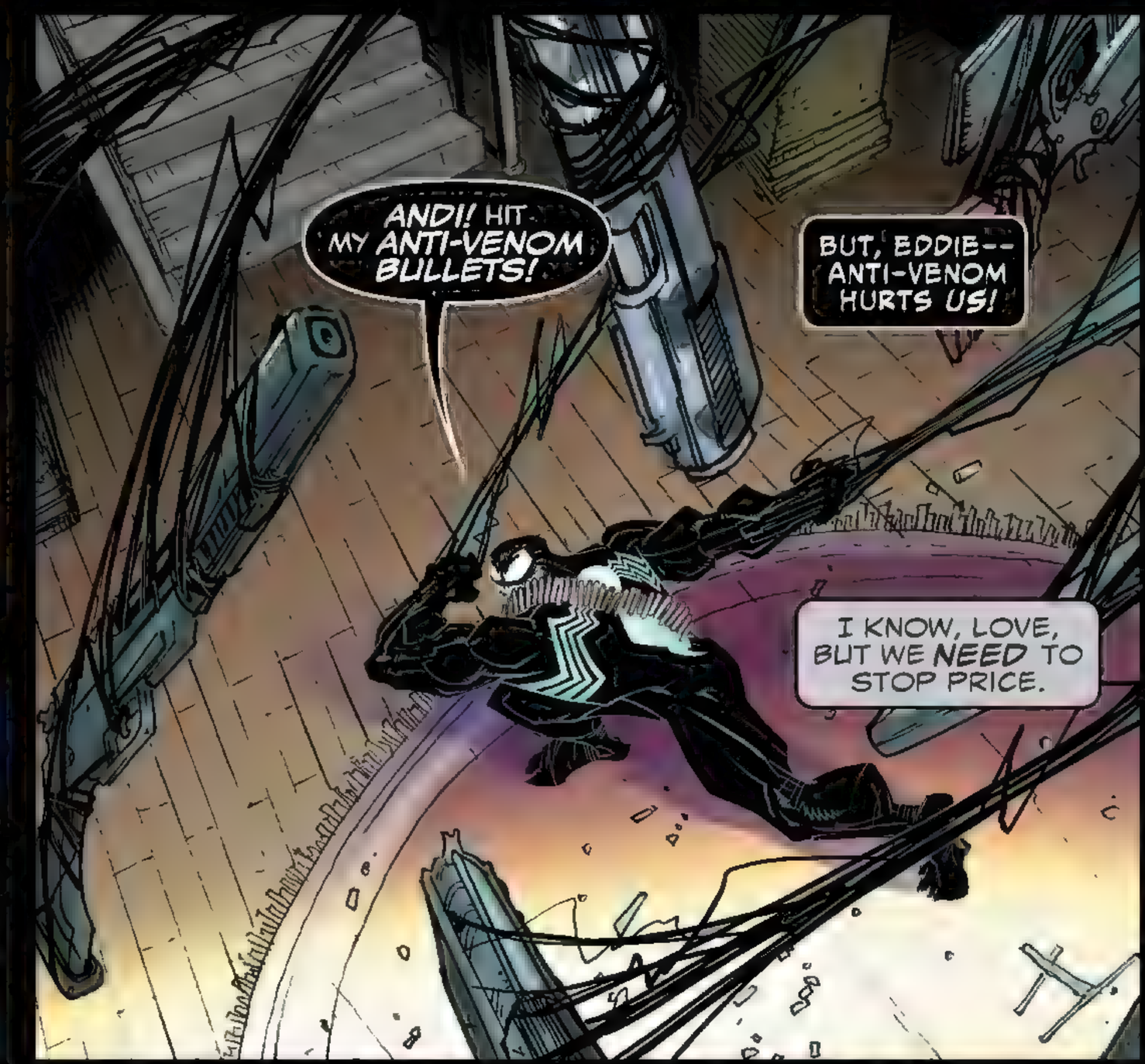
BOOOM
THIS ANTI-VENOM STUFF DOESN'T KILL THE SYMBIOTE, RIGHT?
LEE PRICE IS INSANE, THAT'S NOT THE SYMBIOTE'S FAULT!
SURE, OF COURSE, WHY WOULD ANYONE BLAME THE MONSTER FROM OUTER SPACE?
FOCUS! KEEP THE PRESSURE ON!
HSSSSS
NYAGH! IT SSSSTINGS!

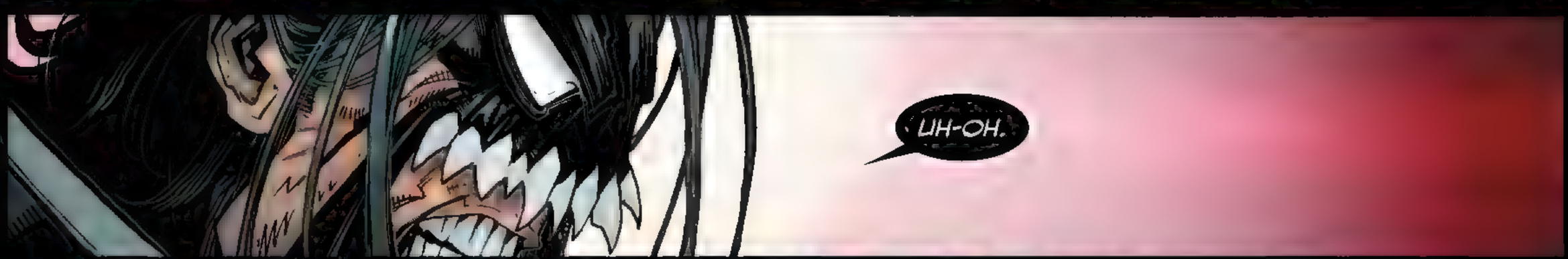
NO--DON'T TAKE IT AWAY! NOT AGAIN!
HSSSS
IT'S WORKING!
WE'RE WINNING! PUSH THAT ADVANTAGE!
MAKE A HOLE IN THEIR RANKS, GET ME NEXT TO MANIAC AND I CAN END THIS!
HILARIOUS, THOMPSON.
BUT YOU'RE NEVER GETTING CLOSE TO ME.
DON'T YOU THINK I PLANNED FOR THIS? DON'T YOU THINK I CHECKED EVERY INCH OF THIS PLACE?
DON'T YOU THINK I MADE SURE THERE WAS AN ARMORY HERE?

BRCKA BRCKA
UH... HAS ANYBODY GOT A PLAN HERE?!
ASK ARMY BOY. HE'S THE ONE WHO WANTED TO DO THIS NON-LETHALLY!
ANDI! WE'RE GETTING PINNED DOWN!
ON IT!
ABOVE US!
LITTLE #$%!
CRAP!

WE'LL NEVER GET OUT OF HERE ADVANCING TOWARD THE DOORS.
WE NEED TO GET EITHER CAT OR SPIDER-MAN UP TOP TO JOIN ANDI. THEY CAN MOVE DOWN AND FLANK--
STOP.
YOU CAN'T DEFEAT MANIAC THINKING LIKE A SOLDIER.
WHY NOT?
HE'S A SOLDIER. HE'LL EXPECT IT.
WHAT HE WON'T EXPECT--
--IS SUICIDAL INSANITY.

WHAT THE--?!


ANDI! HIT MY ANTI-VENOM BULLETS!
BUT, EDDIE-- ANTI-VENOM HURTS US!
I KNOW, LOVE, BUT WE NEED TO STOP PRICE.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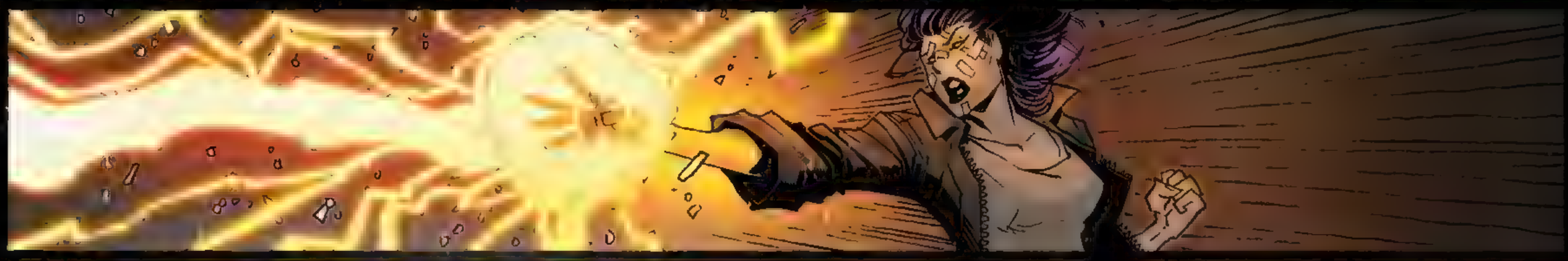

HSSSS
HSSSS
HSSSS
FEELS LIKE I GOT HIT BY A TRAIN.
WE ARE... WHOLE?
WHAT IS...

WHAT THE--?
WE'RE... FREE...
I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT WORKED.
BECAUSE YOU LACK IMAGINATION, THOMPSON.
IF YOU TELL ANYBODY I SAVED YOU, I'LL LIE.
BOYS...
MANIAC ISN'T HERE. HE ESCAPED THE BLAST.
ALSO, ANYONE NOTICE THE PIECES OF THAT SYMBIOTE ARE STILL MOVING?
CAT'S RIGHT...
...THEY'RE ALL HEADING SOMEWHERE!
QUICK! STOP 'EM!

ANDI! FRY THOSE SYMBIOTE REMNANTS!

BUT...IT'S MY SYMBIOTE.

BUT THESE SMALL PIECES OF IT AREN'T--THEY'RE MANIAC'S! WE NEED TO SEPARATE HIM FROM YOUR SYMBIOTE--

"--BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE."

OH, IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE.

AND MY MISTAKE WAS SPREADING THIS AROUND IN THE FIRST PLACE.
THIS SYMBIOTE BELONGS TO NOBODY...

NOBODY BUT ME!
TO BE CONTINUED IN
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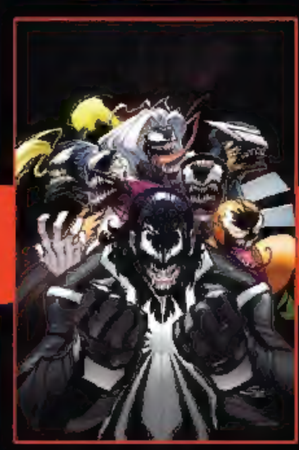

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